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**-- CLAIMS --**

15. (AMENDED) A method of coating metal tubing comprising the steps of:

- (1) applying an epoxy coating containing epoxy paint and plastic particles onto an outer surface of a metal tubing [The tube as recited in claim 1, wherein] and said plastic particles in said [outer] epoxy coating form a crust;
- (2) curing said coating on said metal tubing; and
- (3) applying a substrate to said metal tubing prior to being covered by said epoxy coating.



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19. (AMENDED) A tube comprising:  
an underlying metal tubing; and  
an outer epoxy coating containing plastic particles mixed into an epoxy paint,  
and [The tube as recited in claim 8, wherein] said plastic particles in said outer  
epoxy coating form a crust, and wherein an intermediate substrate layer is placed  
between said metal tubing and said coating.